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Applicants: A. Bett et al.

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For: IMPROVED HELPER-DEPENDENT
VECTOR SYSTEM FOR GENE
THERAPY

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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4. (Amended) The nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein said modified packaging signal is less efficient than said wild-type packaging signal.

32. (Amended) The helper-dependent adenoviral vector of claim 28, wherein said optionally present non-coding E4 region is present.